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SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2005, the term for response to which expires on December 23, 2005.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9 and 17, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

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It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted.

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